

From: [State Department FOIA](#)
To: [Ted Folkman](#)
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Thank you for filing your FOIA request online on 10/25/2019. Here is a review of your request.

The records I request can be described as follows:

I request copies of records showing whether, for each country in which the United States operates an embassy or consulate, the United State, at any time from 2009 to the present, provided or provides benefits to locally-employed staff injured on the job under the Federal Employees' Compensation Act, or whether the government participates in or provides benefits to locally-employed staff under the foreign country's workers' compensation laws or similar laws. I believe these records exist because on p. 18 of an amicus brief filed in *Merlini v. Canada*, 1st Cir. No. 17-2211, on February 25, 2019, the Department of State wrote: "The Department of State determines, on a country-by-country basis and in light of this policy, whether participation in local workers' compensation programs is warranted." I do not know whether such documents originate in a particular office or bureau or whether they originate in embassies and consulates abroad. It is possible the records originate in the office of Overseas Buildings Operations (OBO), in the Office of Foreign Missions (M/OFM), in the office of Administration (A), or another office under the authority of the Under Secretary for Management (M), or else in the embassies and consulates.

The time period of my request is from 01/01/2009 to 10/25/2019

I am an individual seeking information for personal use and not for commercial use.

I am willing to pay \$25 for my request.

My additional comments are as follows:

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